

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner: Unassigned  
Title: **METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A VALVE AND  
METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A  
PUMP/NOZZLE DEVICE WITH A VALVE**

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C.  
371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**


In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed January 26, 2007. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit the following:

1. Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed January 26, 2007; and
2. Declaration signed by the inventors.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the surcharge amount of \$130.00 for filing this Response and any additional fees necessary to effectuate this filing to Baker Botts L.L.P. deposit account number 50-2148.

Applicants believe all formality requirements are now complete. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees necessary to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P. in order to effectuate this filing.

Respectfully submitted,  
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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 06/14/2006
- English Translation of the IA filed on 06/14/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 06/14/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 06/14/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 08/07/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 06/14/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 06/14/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

## SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

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The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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